



September 10, 2014
September Assembly Meeting
Jadwin Hall 102
5:56 pm - 7:08 pm

The meeting is called to order by President Sean Edington at 5:56 pm.

Kim Jackson, Director of Parking and Transportation Services, addresses the Assembly

- Parking on campus will be evaluated over the course of this year
- Why does the Saturday Shopper go to the Princeton Shopping Center/the Whole Earth Center Princeton one week per month?
 - This is based on an agreement with the township, but Kim will meet with them shortly to re-evaluate this.
 - The bus is not funded to run more often than it currently does. However, this will be re-evaluated over the course of the year.
 - A student states that the bus to the Princeton Shopping Center is redundant because the FreeB bus now runs 6 days a week.
 - Kim: For some students, taking the FreeB bus would be inconvenient because they'd have to change buses at Princeton Station.
- Pam Mueller (Health and Life Chair): Would it be possible for a bus in the 6:00 pm hour to go down Alexander to Stanworth?
 - Students have previously requested express service to Stanworth, but we can re-evaluate this.
- Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep): The late-night bus won't drop students off at many locations that are very close to campus. Bus drivers have told us that they won't go past Nassau street.
 - Kim: They are allowed to do this - they can go as far as the municipal building.
 - Julia Wittes (Secretary): Can you make a shaded map for both students and drivers that indicates where the buses will and won't go?
 - Kim: yes
- Why is there no service to the campus on the weekend? There are students who need access to the campus on the weekend.
 - When we started, there was no funding for weekend service - not even the Saturday shuttle. We discuss this going forward.
- Genna Gilner (GCHC): Last year I lived at University Place in the Annexes. The West Extension line won't drop students off on that side of University Place.

- Kim: I can ask the drivers to stop in Lot 8, across from the U Store at night, on request. Currently this isn't a designated bus stop, so we can't stop there during the day.
- Jennifer Guyton (EEB rep): Right now, commuting students are supposed to be able to park on the South side of Western Way. There's a lot of parking on the North side of the street that doesn't seem to be used. Students want to know if they can use these spots (Lots 4/25).
 - Rachael Barry/April Williams: Throughout the day, we've seen empty spots there.
 - Kim: At some point, there was no space there and faculty were complaining. But we can do re-counts in those lots.
- Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep): Where does the funding for the buses come from and who can we lobby for funding?
 - Kim: The funding comes from the University. We could go to the Provost for funding. Our current Provost is very data-driven. This money comes from the general fund. A Pricom request is also a potential way of obtaining funding.
- Andrew Edwards (Facilities Chair): We got an email from a student who lives in graduate student housing with his partner. They find the ~\$200 fee for a second parking pass (for his partner's car) difficult to pay.
 - Kim: In the past, the grad housing parking lots have been too full. We can re-evaluate this.
- Julia Wittes (Secretary): If we want to propose the addition of a particular bus line, can we work with you to make estimates of how much it would cost?
 - Kim: yes, this is how we've been able to get funding for bus service in the past.
- Rachael Barry (Treasurer): Once Lakeside is open, graduate housing will be much more spatially consolidated. So perhaps on the weekend we can combine Shopper and Circulator service.
- Tom Morrell (Communications Director): There is graduate student interest in carpooling programs based on our off-campus housing survey.
 - Kim: This is again an issue of funding.
- A student comments that the TigerTracker and Rider app are great - any way to move in the online-mobile-services direction would be awesome.
- Sean Edington (President): Do Assembly members have any suggestions for how to improve the TigerTracker app?
 - Kyle Keller (PSY): Can we use the app for Road Closures?
- A student states that sometimes it's unclear from looking at the app whether the bus is going to Butler or Stanworth. Could the timetables be synced with the app?
 - Kim: We can do that.
- Rachael Barry (Treasurer): Fairly often (maybe 20% of the time) where the bus is tracking is incorrect. Is there a way to fix this?
 - Kim: It's unclear what the technical problem is here
- Julia Wittes (Secretary): After hours, there is no way for notifications to be made on the TigerTracker app. I was stuck on campus in a bad storm last July, the buses were

diverted, and there was no information on the app. Can you make it possible for dispatchers to notify riders of road closures, etc. on the TigerTracker app after hours?

- Kim: we can work on this
- Some students don't purchase monthly transit passes - they purchase 20 pass packs. Can there be an official policy that students can be reimbursed for this?
 - Kim: we'll look into this
- Sean Edington (President): I was contacted by a black female student who works at the GC in the summer. She was walking on Bayard Lane and two young men passed her and made threatening comments about black people. What should students do in this situation, in the summer?
 - Kim: Report it to Public Safety, and I would suggest calling 911. In some cases in the summer you can ask Public Safety for a ride home, and they will do it if they have enough cars available.
- A student comments that female students in her department often don't feel that they can work in their offices in the Summer because they're afraid to walk home after dark.
- Students who have comments or questions about Transit at Princeton are asked to email us at gsg@princeton.edu.
- If you think of any other questions you can email Kim at kimj@princeton.edu.

Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep) motions to approve the August minutes. The motion is seconded by Joshua Wallace (AST rep) and passes by unanimous voice vote.

Report on the end-of-year Summer Party: Mircea Davidescu (Vice President)

- We had 380 attendees, of whom about 7% were postdocs. Some of those postdocs were very pleased to be invited and that we invited them directly by email.
- Sean Edington (President): We want to make postdocs feel as welcome as possible at parties because they're a valuable career resource for graduate students, so we'd like to continue inviting them in the future.

Call for mid-term feedback and evaluation

- We're going to send out (first to the assembly) a simple web-form asking for feedback on how the GSG Executive Committee is doing our job. Then we will send one to the student body to ask - in general - for feedback on how the GSG is doing.

Volunteers needed

- Rachael Barry (Treasurer): Events Board is funded partially by the student fee. Students can request up to \$1250 for events. The board meets every other week. We are looking for 1-3 new members.
- The Princeton Alumni Weekly is looking for a graduate student contributing writer. The writer would contribute 4-5 writing samples over the course of the year. If you're interested, please contact Sean.
- APGA (Association of Princeton Graduate Alumni) is looking for 1 or more members for the AGPA reunions committee. Responsibilities will include designing the logo and

products for Reunions; putting together food, beverages and arranging catering; planning the entertainment; arranging for decorations; managing publicity, marketing, and promotions.

- Cagin Ararat (Academic Affairs Chair): We are looking for a manager for Graduate Writing Days (GWD) at Campus Club, beginning on September 22. The manager will bring food for the sessions (Mondays from 9-12 am) and will be paid \$16.50/hour. They should expect to work 6-10 hours per week. There will be 10 weekly sessions in the fall. Please email Cagin if you're interested.
- If your department isn't currently represented on Assembly, please let us know if you'd like to be a department representative.

Executive Committee Report

- The University is changing its sexual misconduct policies to be in compliance with federal regulations. The main changes are:
 - Students will no longer be involved in the adjudication of sexual misconduct complaints as mandated by federal law. In the future, a panel of trained administrators will adjudicate these cases.
 - The standard of evidence used to be "clear and convincing" and is changing to "preponderance of evidence"
 - *Secretary's note: In "preponderance of evidence" cases, it must be shown that there is a greater than 50% chance that the allegation is true. "Clear and convincing" cases require a greater burden of proof.*
 - Prior to these changes, the ruling could only be appealed by the respondent. Now the ruling can be appealed by the respondent or the complainant, if they feel important evidence didn't come to light during the investigation.
- September 5 meeting with Jim Poole: This meeting was mainly to discuss individual complaints that Jim has received.
 - We have no new information about when Lakeside will open.
 - We think it's likely to be delayed further.
 - What's the current information?
 - The original delay was announced in the Spring (April 18) - they announced a rolling move from late September to end of October.
 - A student: Jim told me that the vast majority of apartments are ready for inspection.
 - Sean Edington (President): If we can't get an approximate opening date from the administration, we're going to try to get as much info as we can on the process. If someone is in temporary housing, we want to push to permit students to stay where they currently are until the end of their contract.
 - How is the housing department arranged?
 - Jim Poole answers to Andrew Kane, who in turn answers to Chad Klaus of University Services.
 - What can we do as concerned parties to move things along?

- We recommend sending an email to the Lakeside email address and also [emailing us](#).
 - A student: I've heard rumors that an email will come out soon saying that Lakeside won't open until 2015.
 - Sean: The University is planning to send out a Lakeside email in the next few weeks, but we don't know the content.
 - The lack of information compounds the problem.
 - Sean: I agree that this is a big problem. If we can't get dates for when Lakeside will open at our meeting with University Services on Sept 18, we at least want to get a narrative on what's happening at Lakeside.
 - Those of us on the humanities job market - we're teaching and going to interviews in November/December. We don't want to move in this time frame.
 - Sean: They're not going to demand that you move in a particular week. My impression is that they will let you remain where you're living if moving to Lakeside doesn't work for you.
 - Full-service moving: do you know what that means and if not can you clarify what that means?
 - Could a pod be an option?
 - I've asked Jim Poole this twice - he won't respond.
 - This may not have been decided yet.
 - Genna Gilner (GCHC): I was told that move-in dates would be flexible.
 - Angelina Sylvain (NEU rep): They should decide now what the compensation will be at minimum so that people can have an idea. People who have storage should be compensated.
 - Joshua Wallace (AST rep): I've heard that if you're moving to Lakeside, they will waive the first month's rent and the last month's rent.
 - Sean: Yes, and they will also compensate you for moving costs, up to \$500.
 - If your prior place is off-campus they won't do this.
 - Carolann Buff (MUS rep): If we want to propose something that is a budgetary change, we should think about this now so that we can write up a proposal for the graduate school or to the various departments.
- Is events board funding limited to events?
 - Yes
- Simon LeBlanc (PACM rep): I have DCE status and couldn't log in to SCORE. OIT had never heard for DCE. They then told me that students with DCE can't access SCORE. However, my department was eventually able to figure out the problem.

Simon LeBlanc motions to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm; the motion is seconded by Carolann Buff (MUS rep). The meeting is adjourned.